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5157 AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADVERTISEMENT OF BAZZARS AND
RAFFLES FOR NON-PROFITS

GOOD MORNING CHAIRMAN DARGAN, CHAIRWOMAN STILLMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY & SECURITY COMMITTEE I AM REPRESENTATIVE CLAIRE JANOWSKI FROM THE 56TH DISTRICT OF VERNON.

I AM PLEASED TO BE HERE IN SUPPORT OF RAISED BILL HB 5157 AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADVERTISEMENT OF BAZAARS AND RAFFLES. THIS BILL SIMPLY GIVES NON-PROFITS THE ABILITY TO UTILIZE SMALL LAWN SIGNS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY TO INFORM THE COMMUNITY OF LOCAL FUNDRAISING EVENTS SUCH AS TEA CUP RAFFLES. IT ALSO ALLOWS NON-PROFITS THE ABILITY TO POST THE EVENT ON THEIR WEB-SITE AND INFORM THEIR MEMBERS ABOUT THE EVENTS ELECTRONICALLY BY E-MAIL.

THE LAWN SIGN USE WAS BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION BY A LOCAL NON-PROFIT IN MY DISTRICT WHO FELT THE SUCCESS OF A RECENT EVENT THEY HELD WAS HINDERED BECAUSE THEY WERE NOT ALLOWED TO USE LAWN SIGNS AS THE LAW DOES NOT EXPLICITLY STATE THAT THEY CAN. THE NON-PROFIT IS A HOSPITAL AUXILIARY WHO THROUGH ITS FUND-RAISING EFFORTS, RAISES CONSIDERABLE DOLLARS YEARLY TO DONATE TOWARDS THE PURCHASE HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT AND ENHANCE HOSPITAL SERVICES TO PATIENTS.

THIS BILL IS DESIGNED TO MAKE THAT USE EXPLICIT AND WILL GREATLY IMPROVE THE COMMUNICATIONS OF SUCH EVENTS IN THE FUTURE. I COMMEND THE COMMITTEE FOR RAISING THE BILL AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.